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Drinking Water Projects
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing and pending Drinking Water and sanitation projects in the country including Jharkhand, Statewise;
(b) whether the proper implementation of the drinking water projects sanctioned by the Union Government is hampered due to shortage of manpower and efficient management systems in several States of the country and if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken thereon;
(c) whether the Government has reviewed the drinking water/water supply and sanitation programmes being implemented in the country and if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
(d) the total amount sanctioned, released and expenditure incurred for implementation of these projects in the country during the last three years and the current year including Jharkhand, Statewise; and
(e) whether safe drinking water is still not available in many habitation/villages covered under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) and if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures being taken by the Government thereon, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)
(a) & (b) Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), the Government provides financial and technical assistance to States to supplement their efforts to provide adequate safe drinking water to the rural population. The States have been delegated the powers to plan, approve, implement and monitor the drinking water supply projects. This Ministry does not monitors/maintains the data regarding number of pending works under the drinking water schemes/ projects in the country. However, as per the information entered by the States in the Integrated Information Management System (IMIS) of the Ministry as on 01.08.2016, there are 37,738 ongoing drinking water projects in different States as can be seen in Annexure-I. In Jharkhand State, there are 1911 ongoing rural drinking water supply schemes.
Generally, drinking water projects like Hand Pump/ Bore well are completed within a year and multi village piped water schemes take time between 3 to 5 years. States are advised to complete these projects in time during review meetings/ annual action plan meetings/ video conferences by the Ministry. No information regarding shortage of manpower and efficient management system has been received from the implementing agencies of the States.

Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) {SBM(G)}, the programmatic projects are sanctioned district-wise. Currently, 650 district sanitation projects have been sanctioned and are under implementation. No project is pending under SBM(G). State/UT-wise details as per the Integrated Management Information System (MIS) are at Annexure-1(a).

(c) Yes Madam, this Ministry reviews the status & pace of coverage of NRDWP programme through Annual Action Plan meetings carried out every year between February and April with the Departments of State Governments dealing with rural drinking water supply wherein the progress achieved under different components of NRDWP are reviewed and targets for the next financial year are fixed. Officers of the Ministry are also deputed to States for field visits and review the progress of implementation. Further, Area Officers are nominated for all States and they participate in the State Level Scheme Sanctioning Committees (SLSSC) so as to ensure that the project proposals are as per the mutually agreed Action Plan. The Ministry also organises workshops on technical matters wherein best practices and other issues are showcased / shared / deliberated by the states / resource persons for benefits of all. Also Ministry holds national and regional review meetings with the States to address policy matters and progress for better implementation of the Programme.

Similarly, under SBM (G), the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation regularly reviews the SBM(G) programme. There is a spurt in the progress made under the programme. Against the expected outcome of 50 lakh for individual latrines for the year 2014-15, 58,54,987 latrines were constructed, which is an achievement of 117% of the target. During 2015-16, 127.41 lakh toilets have already been constructed against target of 120.00 lakh. For the year 2016-17, against the expected outcome of 1.5 crore individual latrines, 3319451 individual latrines (22.13%) have been constructed as on 01-08-2016. Since the launch of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) on 2nd October, 2014, 210.09 lakh toilets have already been constructed under SBM(G) as on 01.08.2016. Sanitation Coverage, which was 42.05% on 2.10.2014, has increased to 53.60% on 01.8.2016.

(d) The details of total amount allocated, released and expenditure incurred by States including Jharkhand for the last three years and the current year is at Annexure − II.

Since Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) is demand driven scheme, hence State-wise sanction/allocation is not made. However, State/UT-wise, Central share released and utilised during the last 3 years and current year under Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan (NBA) /Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) is at Annexure-II (a).

(e) Yes Madam, as per information provided by States/UTs on online portal Integrated Management Information System (IMIS), there are total 17,14,528 rural habitations in the country, out of them 13,09,247 rural habitations are fully covered (getting 40 litres per capita per day (lpcd) or more potable drinking water), 3,34,850 habitations are partially covered (getting less than 40 lpcd) and 70,431 habitations are quality affected (where quality of drinking water is affected with at least one water contaminant like Arsenic, Fluoride, Iron) Hence, still there are about 24% rural areas in the country where the population is getting unsafe drinking water or less than the required norms. The state wise details of coverage of rural habitations as on 01.08.2016 are at Annexure − III.